

§ 303-70.3 Must we pay death-related expenses for an employee who dies while on leave, or who dies on a nonworkday while on TDY or stationed outside CONUS?

Yes. However, payment cannot exceed the amount allowed if death had occurred at the temporary duty station or at the official station outside CONUS.

§ 303-70.4 May we pay death-related expenses under this chapter if the same expenses are payable under other laws of the United States?

No.

NOTE TO SUBPART A: When an employee dies from injuries sustained while performing official duty, death-related expenses are payable under the Federal Employees' Compensation Act (FECA), 5 U.S.C. 8134. For further information contact the Department of Labor, Federal Employees' Compensation Division, 200 Constitution Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20210.

Subpart B—General Procedures

§ 303-70.100 May we pay the travel expenses of an escort for the remains of the decedent?

No.

§ 303-70.101 Must we provide assistance in arranging for preparation and transportation of employee remains?

Yes.

Subpart C—Allowances for Preparation and Transportation of Remains

§ 303-70.200 What costs must we pay for preparation and transportation of remains?

All actual costs including but not limited to:

- (a) Preparation of remains:
 - (1) Embalming or cremation;
 - (2) Necessary clothing;
 - (3) A casket or container suitable for shipment to place of burial;
 - (4) Expenses necessary to comply with local laws at the port of entry in the United States; and
- (b) Transportation of remains by common carrier (that is normally used for transportation of remains), hearse, other means, or a combination thereof,

from the temporary duty station or official station outside CONUS to the employee's residence, official station, or place of burial, including but not limited to:

- (1) Movement from place of death to a mortuary and/or cemetery;
- (2) Shipping permits;
- (3) Outside case for shipment and sealing of the case if necessary;
- (4) Removal to and from the common carrier; and
- (5) Ferry fares, bridge tolls, and similar charges.

NOTE TO § 303-70.200: Costs for an outside case are not authorized for transportation by hearse. Costs for transportation by hearse or other means cannot exceed the cost of common carrier (that is normally used for transportation of remains). Transportation costs to the place of burial cannot exceed the actual cost of transportation to the employee's residence.

Subpart D—Transportation of Immediate Family Members, Baggage, and Household Goods

§ 303-70.300 Must we pay transportation costs to return the deceased employee's baggage?

Yes, you must pay transportation costs to return the deceased employee's baggage to his/her official duty station or residence. However, you may not pay insurance of or reimbursement for loss or damage to baggage.

§ 303-70.301 Are there any limitations on the baggage we may transport?

Yes. You may only transport government property and the employee's personal property.

§ 303-70.302 When the employee dies at or while in transit to or from his/her official station outside CONUS, must we return the employee's immediate family, baggage and household goods to the residence or alternate destination?

Yes. However, your agency head or his/her designated representative must approve the family's election to return to an alternate destination, and the allowable expenses cannot exceed the cost of transportation to the decedent's residence. Travel and transportation must begin within one year from the

date of the employee's death. A one-year extension may be granted if requested by the family prior to the expiration of the one-year limit.

§ 303-70.303 Must we continue payment of relocation expenses for an employee's immediate family if the employee dies while in transit to his/her new duty station within CONUS?

Yes, if the immediate family chooses to continue the relocation, you must continue payment of relocation expenses for the immediate family if the immediate family was included on the employee's relocation travel orders. (See § 303-70.305.)

§ 303-70.304 Must we continue payment of relocation expenses for an employee's immediate family if the employee dies after reporting to the new duty station within CONUS, but the family was in transit to the new duty station or had not begun its en route travel?

Yes, if the immediate family chooses to continue the relocation, you must continue payment of relocation expenses for the immediate family if the immediate family was included on the employee's relocation travel orders. (See § 303-70.305.)

§ 303-70.305 What relocation expenses must we authorize for the immediate family under §§ 303-70.303 and 303-70.304?

When the immediate family chooses to continue the relocation, the following expenses must be authorized:

- (a) Travel to the new duty station; or
- (b) Travel to an alternate destination, selected by the immediate family, not to exceed the remaining constructive cost of travel to the new duty station.
- (c) Temporary quarters not to exceed 60 days, to be paid at the per diem rate for an unaccompanied spouse and immediate family.
- (d) Shipment of household goods to the new or old duty station, or to an alternate destination selected by the immediate family. However, the cost may not exceed the constructive cost of transportation between the old and the new duty stations.

(e) Storage of household goods not to exceed 90 days.

(f) Reimbursement of real estate expenses incident to the relocation.

(g) Shipment of POV to the new or old duty station, or to an alternate destination, selected by the immediate family. However, the cost may not exceed the constructive cost of transportation between the old and the new duty stations.

Subpart E—Preparation and Transportation Expenses for Remains of Immediate Family Members

§ 303-70.400 When an immediate family member, residing with the employee, dies while the employee is stationed outside CONUS, must we furnish mortuary services?

Yes, if requested by the employee and when:

- (a) Local commercial mortuary facilities or supplies are not available; or
- (b) The cost of available mortuary facilities or supplies are prohibitive as determined by your agency head.

NOTE TO § 303-70.400: The employee must reimburse you for all furnished mortuary facilities and supplies.

§ 303-70.401 When an immediate family member, residing with the employee, dies while the employee is stationed outside CONUS, must we pay expenses to transport the remains?

Yes, if requested by the employee, payment must be made to transport the remains to the residence of the immediate family member. The employee may elect an alternate destination, which must be approved by your agency head or his/her designated representative. In that case, the allowable expenses cannot exceed the cost of transportation to the decedent's residence.

§ 303-70.402 When an immediate family member, residing with the employee, dies while the employee is stationed outside CONUS, may we pay burial expenses?

No.